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ROAD CAMOUFLAGE AND CONCEALMENT  
LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS TECHNIQUES USED BY THE PL/PAVN TO CAMOUFLAGE AND CONCEAL NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

2. REMARKS:

OVERHEAD TRELLISES SUPPORTING CAMOUFLAGE MATERIAL TO CONCEAL THE ROAD FROM AERIAL OBSERVATION HAVE ALSO BEEN OBSERVED ON ROUTES 92 AND 911 IN THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE. THIS BOARD REVEALS THE MOST EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF TRELLISES OBSERVED IN THE PANHANDLE AREA TO DATE, INDICATING THE IMPORTANCE PLACED BY THE PL/PAVN ON THE SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE OF THE OVERLAND ROUTES THROUGH LAOS.

3. LOCATION:

THIS ROAD CAMOUFLAGE/CONCEALMENT IS LOCATED ON THE NEW ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION CONNECTING NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 101 WITH LAOS ROUTE 911; THE PORTIONS DEPICTED ON THE BOARD ARE LOCATED AT 1712N 10609E, (LAOS) 1717N 10612E (NORTH VIETNAM), AND 1724N 10613E (NORTH VIETNAM).

4. MISSION READOUT:

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[REDACTED] REVEAL TRELLISES IN VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW ROAD BEING CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 101 AND LAOS ROUTE 911. THE TRELLISES CONSIST OF VERTICAL SUPPORTS PLACED

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ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE ROADWAY WHICH SUPPORT BAMBOO OVERHEAD LATTICE-WORK. ADDITIONAL BAMBOO IS USED TO CLOSE-WEAVE THE TRELLIS PRIOR TO COVERING WITH ARTIFICIAL CAMOUFLAGE MATERIAL OR WITH NATURAL VEGETATION. WHEN COMPLETED THE TRELLIS PROVIDES CONCEALMENT OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM RECONNAISSANCE AND STRIKE AIRCRAFT. ENPLACED VEGETATION IS ALSO OBSERVED AT 1717N 10612E TO CAMOUFLAGE THE ROAD. SMALL HOLES, PERHAPS FOR VEGETATION, ARE OBSERVED ON THE ROAD NEARBY. AT LEAST FOUR PERSONNEL ARE OBSERVED IN ONE AREA WHERE THE TRELLIS IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT 1724N 10613E.

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